

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PEKING 01614 221133Z

45

ACTION SCS-03

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 SCA-01 /012 W

----- 029524

R 220845Z AUG 75

FM USLO PEKING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4299

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PEKING 1614

E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES CH (SOO HOO, WING FONG, AND SUN, CHESTER,
AKA YUEN CHEW YICK)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF SUN AND SOO HOO

REF: (A) STATE 197972; (B) STATE 194949 AND PREVIOUS

1. USLO POLCOUNS BROOKS ACCOMPANIED BY CONSULAR AFFAIRS OFFICER PERITO CALLED ON MFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION ACTING DIRECTOR CHAO CHI-HUA AUGUST 22 TO DISCUSS CASES OF TWO US CITIZENS, WING FONG SOO HOO AND CHESTER SUN, WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY WHILE VISITING THE PRC. BROOKS COVERED MAIN EVENTS IN BOTH CASES AND ASKED CHAO'S ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. CHAO REPLIED THAT "MAF WOULD CERTAINLY HANDLE SITUATION OF THIS KIND IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER, BUT THAT IT MIGHT TAKE TIME." HE SAID HE HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF THE DEATHS AND HE WOULD PASS THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY BROOKS TO THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

2. THERE FOLLOWS A SITUATION REPORT ON THE CASE OF WING FONG SOO HOO: ON AUGUST 20 USLO CONSULAR OFFICER WAS INFORMED BY DECEASED'S RELATIVE MISS HELEN CHEN IN TIENTSIN THAT CONDITION OF REMAINS MADE RETURN TO US IMPOSSIBLE AND BODY WOULD HAVE TO BE CREMATED. MISS CHEN SAID CREMATION WAS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT DAY. ON AUGUST 22 MISS CHEN AGAIN CALLED USLO TO EXPLAIN THAT CHINESE HAD REFUSED TO CARRY OUT CREMATION AND HAD SUDDENLY BECOME EVASIVE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PEKING 01614 221133Z

ABOUT DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS. SHE SAID WHEN

CHINESE LEARNED SHE HAD CONTACTED USLO THEY
SUDDENLY BECAME UNCOOPERATIVE AND NOW REFUSED TO
SAY WHEN CREMATION COULD BE CARRIED OUT. MISS CHEN
SAID SHE WAS EXHAUSTED BY THE ORDEAL AND WAS REQUEST-
ING PERMISSION TO COME TO PEKING.

3. CONSULAR OFFICER TOLD MISS CHEN TO TELL CHINESE
THAT USLO BECAME INVOLVED ONLY AFTER IT HAD BEEN
INFORMED OF THE DEATH BY MFA. HE ALSO ASKED HER TO
CONTINUE TO REQUEST THAT CREMATION BE CARRIED OUT AND
THAT SHE BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO PEKING AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. MISS CHEN PROMISED TO DO THIS, BUT SHE
SAID SHE COULD NOT BE SURE OF CHINESE COOPERATION.

4. GIVEN CURRENT SITUATION, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT
INFORM NOK, JACK SOO HOO, THAT MISS CHEN HAS DECIDED
THAT CONDITION OF REMAINS WOULD NOT PERMIT RETURN OF
THE BODY TO THE US BUT THAT CHINESE HAVE, FOR UNEXPLAINED
REASONS, NOT YET CARRIED OUT HER REQUEST FOR CREMATION.
HE SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED THAT WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH
MISS CHEN AND THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED MFA'S ASSISTANCE
ON HER BEHALF. MISS CHEN HAS ASKED THAT SOO HOO
MEET HER IN HONG KONG AND ACCOMPANY HER BACK TO THE
US BUT WILL CALL HIM FROM PEKING WHEN SHE HAS
RESOLVED MATTERS IN TIENTSIN.
BUSH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975PEKING01614
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750291-0188
From: PEKING
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750827/aaaaawzq.tel
Line Count: 87
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SCS
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 197972, 75 STATE 194949
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUL 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <13 NOV 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEATH OF SUN AND SOO HOO
TAGS: CDES, CH, (SOO HOO, WING FONG), (SUN, CHESTER), (YUEN CHEW YICK)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006